Marine Resources Commission  
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Newport News, Virginia 23607  

March 30, 2009

Mr. Rick Robins  
Chairman  
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
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Dover, DE 19904-6790

Dear Rick:

At the request of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, I write to alert the Council of the efforts of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council to extend the geographic range of its Snapper/Grouper FMP throughout the mid-Atlantic. In addition to this range extension, there are several proposed measures that would have major impacts on the fishery in the Mid-Atlantic region. Specifically, draft Amendment 17 includes a preferred alternative that would prohibit fishing for, and possession of, all deepwater snapper-grouper species seaward of 40 fathoms. Since the Mid-Atlantic's fishery for these species occurs in waters deeper than 40 meters, the region's entire fishery would be eliminated. Amendment 17 also proposes a total ACL of 523 snowy grouper, which would apply to the Mid-Atlantic region with the range extension.

Virginia's deepwater snapper/grouper fishery is a relatively new, but high quality recreational fishery. It has produced 22 IGFA all-tackle world records in the last four years. To sustain this fishery, in 2007, the VMRC moved to regulate harvests of grouper and tilefish. Currently, recreational anglers in Virginia are limited to one grouper per day and seven tilefish per day. Small trip limits of 175 pounds of grouper and 300 pounds of tilefish also prevent development of a large directed commercial fishery. Last week, the VMRC agreed to consider further limits on these fisheries at its May meeting. This new regulatory package will include recreational vessel limits for grouper and tilefish, a data collection and permit requirement for recreational trips, revised lower commercial limits, and a maximum commercial bycatch percentage cap.
Finally, and most importantly, the VMRC requests that the Council work with the SAFMC to establish a separate, northern management unit for the deep water snapper-grouper complex, with the MAFMC having the lead on the northern unit. While there may be other alternatives the Council wishes to consider, this option will provide great flexibility to the states to manage its fishery, with appropriate oversight by our regional council. Virginia has proven that it is willing to take those steps necessary to manage this fishery on a sustainable basis, and will continue to do so. If no action is taken by the MAFMC, and the range is extended northward, our fishery will be eliminated by Amendment 17’s prohibition on fishing deeper than 40 fathoms.

Please feel free to contact me or Jack Travelstead for additional information or updates on this request.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Bowman

SGB:jw
cc: Dan Furlong
Update on Actions in Snapper Grouper Amendments 17 and 18

Rick DeVistor
SAFMC Council Staff
April 16, 2009
Presentation Outline

- Extension of FMU Alternative
- Stock Status/Proposed Actions – Deepwater spp.
- Stock Status/Proposed Actions - Shallow water/Mid-shelf spp.
Extension of FMU Range & EFH/EFH-HAPC Designations

Would not apply to BSB, Scup, Golden tilefish
Justification for Extending Range of FMU

- No evidence against single stock

- Increased harvest on some species (snowy grouper, blueline tilefish)

- Must account for all sources of mortality – including catches in MAFMC & NEFMC regions (see doc for catches)
Not New...

- Mackerel FMP – included MAFMC area and provided two voting seats at Committee

- Dolphin/Wahoo FMP – included MA and NE areas and provided one voting seat at Committee

- MAFMC has 2 voting seats on SG Committee – outlined in our presentation to MAFMC 2/15/07
Speckled Hind & Warsaw Grouper

- Undergoing Overfishing/Overfished Unknown
- Based on pre-SEDAR Assessment
- Amendment 17
- Proposed Commercial ACL = O
- Proposed Recreational ACL = O
Snowy Grouper

- Undergoing Overfishing/Overfished
- Data through 2002
- Amendment 13C, 15A, 15B, 17
- Commercial ACL = 82,900 lbs gw
- Recreational ACL = 523 fish
- Proposed 1 per vessel rec limit & AM to reduce length of fishing year after overage using 3 year average
Golden Tilefish

- South of Virginia
- Undergoing Overfishing/Not overfished (data through 2002)
- Amendment 13C, 17, 18
- Commercial ACL = 295,000 lbs gw
- Proposed: AM = prohibit comm. and rec. harvest when comm. quota met
Red Snapper

- Undergoing Overfishing/Overfished (data through 2006)
- $\frac{F_{\text{curr}}}{F_{40\%}} = 8.19$
- $\frac{B_{\text{curr}}}{\text{MSST}} = 0.042$
- Amendment 17
Black Sea Bass

- South of Cape Hatteras
- Undergoing Overfishing/Overfished (data through 2003)
- Amendment 13C, 15A, 17
- Commercial ACL = 309,000 lbs gw
- Recreational ACL = 409,000 lbs gw
Gag

- Undergoing Overfishing/Not Overfished (but approaching overfished based on assessment projections that show overfished in 2007)
  - Data through 2004
- Amendment 16 & 17
- Commercial ACL = 353,940 lbs gw
- Recreational ACL = 340,060 lbs gw
Vermilion Snapper

- Undergoing Overfishing/Not Overfished Data through 2006
- Amendment 16 & 17
- Commercial ACL = 315,523 lbs gw (Jan-June) & 302,523 (July-Dec)
- Recreational ACL = 307,315 lbs gw
Black & Red Grouper

- Undergoing Overfishing/Overfished Unknown
- Based on pre-SEDAR Assessment
- Amendment 16 & 17
- SEDAR Assessment scheduled to begin this year
- Proposed Commercial ACL = 662,403 lbs gw*
- Proposed Recreational ACL = 648,663 lbs gw*
  *Gag, black, and red grouper ACL
Proposed measures to end overfishing of red snapper and rebuild stock
Bottom-Line

- Reductions in fishing mortality required to end overfishing and rebuild important snapper grouper species (lower ACLs)
- Some actions have been taken (13C, 15A, 16) and more to come (17, 18)
- Must account for all sources of mortality to monitor ACLs throughout their range
Background Material for MAFMC Meeting
03.30.09

The document contains the following material:

(1) SAFMC Regulations;
(2) FMU proposed actions in Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper FMP;
(3) Timing for Amendments 17 and 18;
(4) Landings and effort information for snapper-grouper species in the Mid-Atlantic and New England Regions; and
(5) Southeast, Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Schedule
# SAFMC Regulations for Snapper-Grouper Species

## 1.0 SAFMC Regulations for Snapper-Grouper Species

## 1.1 Commercial Regulations

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<td>Black Seabass</td>
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<td>Greater Amberjack</td>
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<td>Commercial fishery closed April 1 - 30; 1,169,931 lb. quota. No sale after quota is reached. No sale in April. Possession limited to 1/person/day or 1/person/trip, whichever is more restrictive. 1,000 lb trip limit until quota is reached.*</td>
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<td>Speckled Hind</td>
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<td>Blueline, Sand Tilefish</td>
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<td>5,000 lbs. when season open; 300 lbs. when closed</td>
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<td>Golden Tilefish</td>
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may possess wreckfish. Spawning season closure: January 15-April 15.

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<td>Black Seabass</td>
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<td>Daily bag limit = 15. Allocation = 560,000 lbs. 6/1/07 thru 5/31/08, and allocation = 409,000 lbs. beginning 6/1/08 until modified.</td>
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<td>Greater Amberjack</td>
<td>28” FL; no coring</td>
<td>1 per person/day. In April, limit to 1 per person/day or 1/person/trip, whichever is more restrictive</td>
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2.0 Proposed Regulations

Action 1. Extend Snapper-Grouper FMU Northward

Alternative 1 (no action). Do not change the current management boundaries of the Snapper-Grouper FMU.

Alternative 2. Extend the management boundaries for all species in the Snapper-Grouper FMU northward to include the Mid-Atlantic Council’s jurisdiction (except for black sea bass, golden tilefish, and scup).

Alternative 3. Extend the management boundaries for all species in the Snapper-Grouper FMU northward to include the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council’s jurisdiction (except for black sea bass, golden tilefish, and scup).


Alternative 1. (no action). Do not designate snapper-grouper EFH EFH-HAPCs in new jurisdictional areas encompassed in Action 1.

Alternative 2. Designate EFH and EFH-HAPCs for snapper-grouper in the northern areas encompassed in Action 1.

Alternative 3. Track the MAFMC’s EFH and EFH-HAPC designations.
3.0 Amendment Schedules

3.1 Amendment 17

A. Scoping - February 2008.
C. At the December 2008 meeting, the Council decided to split 17 into Amendments 17 and 18. Amendment 17 would be completed and approved for public hearing after NMFS publishes the final ACL guidelines and the SSC provides their OFL and ABC recommendations. It is anticipated that this will take place in September 2009 at the earliest.
D. If approved for public hearings at the September meeting, hearings will be held in November 2009. If approved for public hearings at the December meeting, hearings will be held in January/February 2010 and a revised schedule will be prepared.
E. Review all comments and approve all actions – December 2009 or March 2010.
F. Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – March 2010 or June 2010.
G. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – March 2010 or June 2010.
H. Regulations effective by ________________.

3.2 Amendment 18

A. Scoping – January/February 2009.
C. If approved for public hearings at the September meeting, hearings will be held in November 2009. If approved for public hearings at the December meeting, hearings will be held in January/February 2010 and a revised schedule will be prepared.
D. Review all comments and approve all actions – December 2009 or March 2010.
E. Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – March 2010 or June 2010.
F. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – March 2010 or June 2010.
G. Regulations effective by ________________.
4.0 Landings
4.1 Mid-Atlantic Region
4.1.1 Commercial

Table 1. Commercial landings (pounds whole weight) of snapper-grouper species (excluding black sea bass, golden tilefish, and scup) in Mid-Atlantic.

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Source: http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/commercial/landings/annual_landings.html
### 4.1.2 Recreational

Table 2. Recreational landings (pounds whole weight) of snapper-grouper species (excluding black sea bass, golden tilefish, and scup) from Mid-Atlantic.

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4.2 New England Region
4.2.1 Commercial

Table 3. Commercial landings (pounds whole weight) of snapper-grouper species (excluding black sea bass, golden tilefish, and scup) in New England.

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4.2.2 Recreational

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5.0 Effort
5.1 Mid-Atlantic Region


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5.2 New England Region


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## 6.0 SEDAR Schedule (last updated 02/17/2009)

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